

HLS 116: Introduction to Community Medicine

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TEXTS:

Leiyu Shi and Douglas Singh, *Delivering Health Care in America: A Systems Approach*, 3rd edition (Jones & Bartlett) [Shi & Singh]

Lewis Thomas, *The Youngest Science: Notes of a Medicine-Watcher* (Penguin)
[Thomas]

Additional readings available on electronic reserve

REQUIREMENTS:

In addition to class lectures on Mondays and Wednesdays, students will attend small group discussion sessions on Fridays. Students are expected to participate actively in these small groups. You will be assigned to a discussion group after the first day of class, and these assignments will be posted in various places, to be announced in class.

Students will write a 10 page term paper on a topic of their choice. When choosing a topic, students must meet and discuss the topic with their small group leader. The paper topic must be approved by no later than October 15. The small group leader and one other instructor will grade the papers. The two readers in consultation will determine the final grade.

EVALUATION:

Grades will be based on your performance on two exams, a midterm worth 20% of the final grade, and a cumulative final worth 35% of the final grade. The term paper grade will also represent 35% of the final grade. The last 10% of the grade will be based on your participation in the small groups. Small group instructors may make additional assignments of work that will count towards the small group grade.

MIDTERM EXAMINATION: Wednesday, October 20, in class

PAPER DUE DATES: First submission November 5; revised submission December 6

FINAL EXAMINATION: December 20, 12:30pm

NO CLASSES: Monday, October 18 (Fall Break); Monday, November 8 (APHA)

Schedule of Lectures

Sept. 1	Introduction and Orientation
Sept. 8	The Epidemiological Perspective
Sept. 13	Epidemiology and Disparities
Sept. 15	Epidemiology and Social Policy
Sept. 20	Epidemiology and “Common Sense”
Sept. 22	Historical Perspectives: Late Nineteenth Century America
Sept. 27	Historical Perspectives: Progressive Era I
Sept. 29	Historical Perspectives: Progressive Era II
Oct. 4	Historical Perspectives: End of Progressive Reform
Oct. 6	Historical Perspectives: Advance of Biomedical Science
Oct. 11	Historical Perspectives: American Medicine and the Postwar Boom
Oct. 13	Historical Perspectives: Biotechnology
Oct. 25	Financing Health Care I
Oct. 27	Financing Health Care II
Nov. 1	Financing Health Care III
Nov. 3	Financing Health Care IV
Nov. 10	Financing Health Care V
Nov. 15	Policy and Politics I

Nov. 17	Policy and Politics II
Nov. 22	Policy and Politics III
Nov. 24	Policy and Politics IV
Nov. 29	Disability and Disability Politics: Overview
Dec. 1	Disability and Disability Politics: A Conversation with Teresa Carroll
Dec. 6	Disability and Disability Politics: Mental Illness
Dec. 8	Disability and Disability Politics: Grassroots activism

Readings

Sept. 1	Shi & Singh, 38-54
Sept. 8	Shi & Singh, 64-74 Snow, “Snow on Cholera”
Sept. 13	Shi & Singh, 424-438; Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) internet material
Sept. 15	McKinlay & McKinlay, “Medical Measures and the Decline of Mortality”
Sept. 20	Cochrane et. al., “Health Service ‘Input’ and Mortality ‘Output’ in Developed Countries”
Sept. 22	Shi & Singh, 82-95; Hansen, “The Image and Advocacy of Public Health in American Caricature and Cartoons from 1860 to 1900”
Sept. 27	Condran et. al., “The Decline of Mortality in Philadelphia from 1870 to 1930: The Role of Municipal Services”; Chapin, “History of State and Municipal Control of Disease”
Sept. 29	Hamilton, <i>Exploring the Dangerous Trades</i> , 57-75, 114-126
Oct. 4	Starr, <i>The Social Transformation of American Medicine</i> , 180-197; Meckel, <i>Save the Babies</i> , 200-219
Oct. 6	Thomas, 26-50
Oct. 11	Starr, <i>The Social Transformation of American Medicine</i> , 335-347; Thomas, 106-148
Oct. 13	Shi & Singh, 156-182; Thomas, 220-232
Oct. 25	Shi & Singh, 2-30, 188-197
Oct. 27	Shi & Singh, 197-229

Nov. 1	Shi & Singh, 484-515
Nov. 3	Shi & Singh, 54-64, 95-111
Nov. 10	Rubinow, "Labor Insurance"; Winslow, "Public Health at the Crossroads"; Derickson, "Health for Three-Thirds of the Nation"; Birn et. al., "Struggles for National Health Reform in the United States"
Nov. 15	Shi & Singh, 324-357
Nov. 17	Shi & Singh, 372-394, 404-412
Nov. 22	Shi & Singh, 534-559
Nov. 24	Shi & Singh, 564-581
Nov. 29	Shi & Singh, 453-472; <i>Buck v. Bell</i> , 274 U.S. 200 (1927)
Dec. 1	Film: <i>When Billy Broke His Head</i>
Dec. 6	Winerip, "Bedlam on the Street"
Dec. 8	Hoffman, "Health Care Reform and Social Movements in the United States"